



# ÉCOLE NESBITT SCHOOL

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## GOVERNING BOARD - MEETING #4

**Tuesday, February 11, 2025**

6:30 pm (via Microsoft Teams)

### MINUTES

Name of member	Role	P/A	Name of member	Role	P/A
Ali, Hamdi	Parent	P	McDonald, James	Parent	
Bastide-de-Grave, Jerome	Parent	P	McLaughlin, Laurie	Community Rep	
Beguet, Caroline	Parent		Occhiuto, Anna Maria	Parent	P
Brisindi, Kristine	Support Staff	P	Reginato, Sonia	Teacher	P
Bucci, Samantha	Teacher		Romano, Nicholas	Principal	P
Currie, Sophie	Parent	P	Rodrigue, Jonathan	Parent	P
Di Martino, Maria Lisa	Parent	P	Santino, Maria	Daycare	P
Iliyan, Mervat	Teacher	P	Serrecchia, Miranda	Vice-Principal	P
Lanni, Sandra	Teacher	P	Suan, Chelsea	Teacher	P
Marcil, Martin	Teacher	P	VACANT	Teacher	
Marianetti, Ashley	Parent	P	VACANT	Community Rep	

TOTAL: 16 Present ( 14 votes)

**Replacements in the event there are not enough parents for quorum: Delisle, Sarah and Smith, Crispin**

Parent members= 9, Quorum= 5 parents

**Guests= Maria Corsi (EMSB Commissioner, Ward 4)**

**Present= Sarah Delisle (replacement)**

### Opening Time: 6:35 pm

#### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

- Add Commissioner Report to point 2. Move all other points down.
- Moved by: Maria Lisa Di Martino  
Second: Sandra Lanni  
Vote: 14:0:0

#### 2. Commissioner report (Maria Corsi)

- At the Board meeting held on February 4th, Council approved the 2023-2024 EMSB Annual Report, which includes the Board's performance in relation to the Commitment to Success Plan. Last year the board achieved a success rate of 95.9%, which is the highest our board has ever achieved, and higher than all other boards, service centers, and private schools. The Annual Report is available on the EMSB website for anyone who is interested to read it.
- The Council was given a presentation on the Regional Student Ombudsperson's 2023-2024 Annual Report.
- Council also approved the budget building process document for consultation, so this consultation package should come to GBs and the Parents Committee for their input. It's very important for GBs to discuss it and to provide a response on the funding priorities that are important to the school, and for the delegate to bring those priorities to the PC to inform the PC's budget priorities.



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- On Thursday, January 23, 2025 the Supreme Court of Canada announced it will hear a challenge to Bill 21. The EMSB has been at the forefront of this court challenge on the basis of our rights to manage and control our institutions and that the Bill discriminates against women.
- Also, the court Challenge on Bill 40 was heard by the court of appeal and we are now waiting for a decision (not known when a decision will be made).
- Maria must leave meeting around 7pm as she has a training scheduled this evening. Sends her regrets for needing to leave early.

### 3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

#### 3.1 Minutes from Tuesday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- Moved by: Chelsea Suan  
Second: Sonia Reginato  
Vote: 14:0:0

### 4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes: N/A

### 5. New Business

#### 5.1. Budget Building Process 2025-2026

- It was agreed that, despite major renovations taking place at the school, building maintenance and improvements is still extremely important and should remain the number one priority. Learning can not take place if conditions are not optimal. Current issues are: issues with the heating, fences that need to be repaired in order to ensure student safety, need to increase caretaking staff, de-icing in the winter to ensure safety of students and staff.
- It was agreed to approve the same priorities, in the same order, as those listed for 2024-2025;

7:01 PM Maria Corsi left meeting.

1. Building maintenance and improvements, including but not limited to: security, cleanliness, air quality and adequate winterization (snow-removal, de-icing, etc.) with special emphasis on ensuring student and staff safety during renovations
2. Support for special needs, at-risk and advanced learners (resource teachers and non-teaching professionals). Resources allocated according to school's specific needs based on ARC committee or student services' assessments and not solely on the number of validated students
3. Funding to improve literacy and math skills (all levels and cycles)
4. Support mental and physical health and well-being initiatives (physical education & health support, environmental action and responsibilities).
5. Increase Information and Technology services and support (maintenance and training in schools, support for assistive technology)



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- Approval  
Moved by: Jonathan Rodrigue  
Second: Maria Lisa Di Martino  
Vote: 14:0:0

## 5.2. Approval of ACGC Plan

- ACGC= Academic and Career Guidance Content
- Actions that are in place to build upon;
  - **Self-Knowledge** (knowledge of themselves as individuals in the context of the world): teachers in the CCQ program would address this.
  - **Knowledge of the world of school** (i.e. high schools, Cegeps, vocational): Through the CCQ program, they will explore different career paths and avenues, might have a visit with a geologist, amongst other professionals. Also, Martin Marcil discussed a blueprint platform for cycle 3, which would help to explore different career options and establish a career plan, would be available after Spring Break.
  - **Knowledge of the world of work** (options for students in the workforce). Nicholas Romano is discussing with Miranda Serrecchia to have McGill workshops with our students. McGill would meet with us virtually to discuss careers in medicine. Also, students will visit Laurier MacDonald vocational services for a day.
- Approval  
Moved by: Mervat Iliyan  
Second: Sandra Lanni  
Vote: 14:0:0

## 5.3 Approval of Fundraisers for Home and School (Ashely Marianetti):

### 5.3.1. Change Wars:

- TBC in March

### 5.3.2 Read-A-Thon:

- TBC in April, near Easter weekend.
- Students will be visiting family so would be good opportunity to ask families to sponsor them.
- The student that reads the most (time wise) will win an E-Reader, and the class will get a pizza party.

### 5.3.3 Pizza Day:

- TBC in May

### 5.3.4 Garage Sale:

- TBC end of May.
- Tables will be rented to Nesbitt families and local businesses.
- Any lost & found articles that are not labeled will be washed and sold.

- Approval  
Moved by: Sophie Currie  
Second: Maria Santino  
Vote: 14:0:0



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## 6. Reports:

### 6.1 Principal Report (Nicholas Romano):

- January Highlights/activities:
  - Jan 17: Cycle 2 field trip tubing Mount Royal
  - Jan 23: 2<sup>nd</sup> open house by appointment only. 11 visits , total 15 students
  - Jan 29: Cycle 2 field trip circus school in Verdun
  - Jan 27-31: Sibling registrations, followed by K4/K5 registrations
- February Highlights/activities:
  - Feb 7: end of term 2
  - Feb 12: 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, PreK celebrating
  - Feb 14: Valentine's Day dress down day at 0\$ and cycle 3 field trip tubing to Mont-Avila.
  - Feb 19: Superhero dress down day 2\$ for grad committee
  - Feb 20: Grade 4 vaccinations
  - Feb 21: Term 2 report cards available on Mozaik
  - Feb 26: Guest speaker for Black History month for PreK and cycle 1, a former Judo medalist. After the presentation, will play team work games with the PreK students. Also, pink shirt day for Anti-bullying campaign. Thanks to a donation from a company, we received pink shirts for all students and staff. Students are encouraged to keep wearing their pink t-shirts on set days to highlight the importance of kindness and being a better human.
  - Feb 27: 2<sup>nd</sup> parent/teacher interviews held online, by appointment.
- March Highlights/activities:
  - March 3-7: Spring Break
  - March 10: Added PED day.

### 6.2 Daycare Report (Maria Santino):

- Jan 20 was launch of the Hop Hop app. 50% of parents have registered, going very well.
- Working on a project with AMSFA to encourage science and thinking outside of the box, find solutions with the materials provided. Will be an outing on the March 10<sup>th</sup> PED day, and then will be on-going with after school, activities. Paid by AMSFA.
- Feb 28: PED day in-school; boot camp.
- March 21: PED day to cabane a sucre.
- Concerns with HOP HOP app about a child that was left outside unattended. The matter will be looked into.

### 6.3 Treasurer Report (Sophie Currie): N/A

### 6.4 Parents' Committee Report (Hamdi Ali) :

- PC meeting was Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, virtual
- A copy of the budget building priorities from last year was provided.
- EMSB PC award of merit was approved, whereby 50\$ will be awarded to an elementary school student, and 100\$ to a high school student, for all schools throughout the EMSB. The principal of each respective school selects the student.
- EMSB Literacy award. A committee was formed to select the books.
- Minutes are not available online because official translator is needed.
- School year calendar was ratified and made official.
- Letters were sent to the administration regarding 1. educational project surveys and 2. the right for each school to have a general email address for GB in order for chairpersons to maintain continuity. The administration will be present at the March meeting with a verbal response.



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6.5 Chairperson's Report (Jerome Bastide-de-Grave): N/A

6.6 Home & School Committee Report (Ashley Marianetti):

- Pizza day went well. The prices were higher than last year due to rising food costs. 305 students purchased pizza. Sales were 2,000\$, expenses were 1,100\$ which included pizza for staff appreciation week, Profit = 860\$.

7. Question Period

- GB thanks Ashley Marianetti for heading the H&S committee, doing a great job.
- Teachers and staff thank the administration, H&S, and parents for all the treats and goodies during Teacher Appreciation Week. The administration, H&S, and parents, in turn, thank the teachers and staff for their hard work and dedication.

8. Varia: N/A

9. Adjournment:

**Adjournment time: 7:30pm**

Moved by: Maria Lisa Di Martino

Second: Chelsea Suan

Vote: 14:0:0

**Next meeting: Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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Jerome Bastide-de-Grave  
Chairperson

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Nicholas Romano  
Principal